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Corrections News

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Barnett Chosen as Department October Employee of the Month

Jessica Barnett has been selected as the Missouri Department of Corrections Employee of the Month for October 2008. Barnett is employed as a Function Unit Manager at Western Missouri Correctional Center (WMCC) in Cameron. Barnett is being recognized for going above and beyond her normal working duties.

In a letter to Barnett, Missouri Department of Corrections Director Larry Crawford wrote, "The 'Therapeutic Community' was initiated at WMCC many years ago based on Departmental Policies and Procedures, institutional needs, as well as ideas of your own. You have invested many years into the program in an effort to make a legitimate difference in the lives of many different people. You have managed the operations of the community with dedication, motivation and professionalism through adversity and change, including relocation to different housing units within the institution. The importance of providing offenders with the tools and information needed to allow them to make a positive change in their behaviors and thoughts, thus making them better prepared so that upon release from incarceration they can be more productive members of society."

Barnett has been employed with the Department of Corrections for 12 years and lives in Gallatin.

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